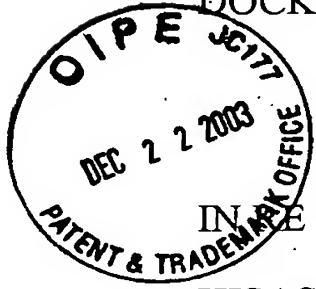


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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of named co-inventor, Hisashi Shoda (Shoda Declaration) **submitted herewith** and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.